

Rooted and Floating Macrophyte Review Outline
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Questions to address in the review:

1. What are the general conceptual models of rooted or floating aquatic vegetation in relation to both impacts to and support of beneficial uses?
2. What is known about the spatial and temporal trends in floating and rooted aquatic vegetation in the Delta?
3. What is the relative importance of nutrients and organic matter accumulation versus other factors in promoting observed trends in floating and rooted aquatic vegetation in the Delta?
4. What are the key data gaps and recommended future studies?

Review Outline

1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction, Purpose of Review, and Key Questions
3. General Ecology and Trends in the Distribution of Floating and Rooted Aquatic Vegetation in the Delta
 - a. Definitions
 - b. Overview of genus/species found in the Delta
 - c. Habitat types in which they are characteristically found
 - d. Spatial and Temporal trends in their distribution and abundance
4. Conceptual models of linkage with beneficial uses (if there is a problem—what is it?)
 - a. General conceptual model
 - i. Organic matter subsidy/accumulation
 - ii. Limitation of phytoplankton and native SAV
 - iii. Trophic support
 - iv. Habitat alteration
 - v. Navigation and industry
 - vi. Aesthetics
 - b. Documentation of adverse effects in the Delta
5. Factors contributing to spread of floating and rooted aquatic vegetation in the San Francisco Estuary-Delta region
 - a. Conceptual models of growth, propagation and environmental characteristics that enhance or limit growth
 - b. Relative importance of nutrient subsidies versus other factors in promoting observed trends
6. Summary of key data gaps and research needs